

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the amendments and remarks described herein. Claims 15-23, 25-28, 30, and 32 were pending in this application. Claims 15-18 and 27 have been canceled. Therefore, Claims 19-23, 25, 26, 28, 30, and 32 are now pending in this application.

Claims 15-18 and 27 have been rejected. Claims 19-23, 25, 26, 28, 30, and 32 have been indicated as allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication of allowed subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 15, 16, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,447,037, issued to Crouch (hereinafter "Crouch"). In addition, Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crouch in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,216,319, issued to Elkins (hereinafter "Elkins").

Applicants have canceled Claims 15-18 and 27, thereby obviating the rejections.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 19-23, 25, 26, 28, 30, and 32 have been indicated as allowed. Again, applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowed subject matter.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative with any remaining questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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